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EXTRACORPOREAL PROCESSING CONDITIONS

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully note that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not conform to the language of the claims. Nevertheless, the claims are clearly allowable in view of the features specifically set forth therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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